

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 83

Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

WHEREAS, Bernard Chris Hunke, known in his community as someone always willing to help, died February 9, 2019, in rural West Point; and

WHEREAS, Bernie was born in West Point to Hilbert and Joan Hunke on November 15, 1965, attended Pebble Valley School, and graduated from West Point Central Catholic High School in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Bernie served in the United States Air Force from 1986 until his retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Bernie returned to his home town of West Point after military retirement and served as the Cuming County Veterans Service Officer and Emergency Manager; and

WHEREAS, Bernie met his wife, Lisa Turner, while stationed at Little Rock Air Force base in Little Rock, Arkansas. The couple later had four daughters and five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Bernie was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, Knights of Columbus Council #2272, American Legion Post #70, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4912 of West Point, and Beemer American Legion Riders Post #159; and

WHEREAS, Bernie served for the last ten years on the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and was recently awarded 2018 Fireman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Bernie volunteered for the last twelve years as caretaker of St. Boniface Cemetery where he has since been buried; and

WHEREAS, Bernie served as co-chair of the planning committee dedicated to the funding, development, and construction of American Veterans Park, a memorial designed to honor God, country, veterans, and their families. The park is located in West Point and was dedicated on Veterans Day 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bernie personified the Air Force values in all he did: Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature honors Bernard Hunke for his dedication to State and Country.
2. That the Legislature extends its condolences to the family of Bernard Hunke.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Bernard Hunke.